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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged from five to eight degrees below normal in Nebraska the past week. One to two inches of snow fell along the southern border of the eastern half of the State but soon melted. Light snow was reported from other areas.

CROPS Colder temperatures slowed wheat greening. Most top soils remained very dry leaving fields quite vulnerable to wind erosion. Snow in a few counties in the south central, southeast, and portions of the Panhandle was beneficial but much more moisture is needed.

There was a limited amount of field work accomplished with about six days favorable for work. Field work consisted of stalk shredding, some disking, and fertilizer application. Other farm work was confined to livestock care, machinery repair, farm meetings, attending sales, and planning spring operations.

Field roughages were utilized with livestock grazing corn and milo stalk fields, a few wheat fields, and some diverted acres. Winter range feeds have become quite dry and are being supplemented with hay. Feed grain and roughage supplies are adequate in most areas.

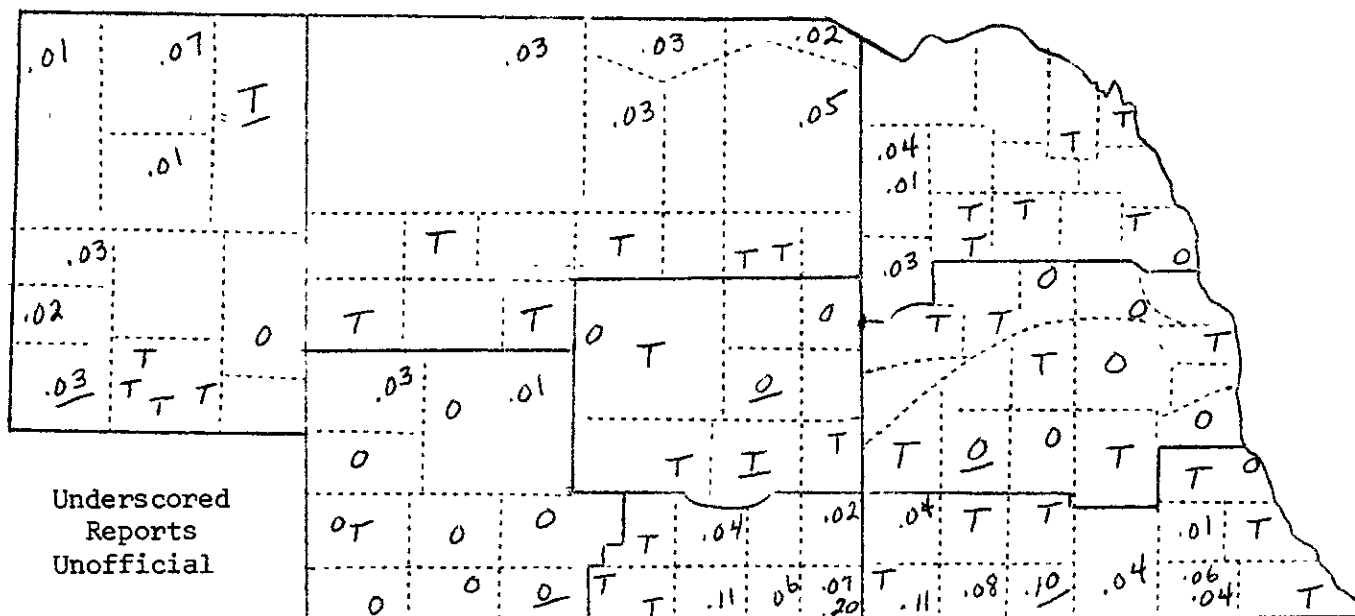
LIVESTOCK Livestock remained in good condition but the cold weather caused some additional care. Lambing and farrowing operations are well under way with calving just getting started.

Stocker and feeder cattle shipped into Nebraska during January totaled 113,000 head. This is down 17 percent from the 136,000 head shipped in one year ago. In shipments of 16,000 sheep and lambs were up 45 percent from the 11,000 shipped in the previous January.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 18, 1968

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	T	Burwell	--	Chadron	.01
Lincoln	O	North Platte	.01	Imperial	T
Norfolk	T	Valentine	T	Scottsbluff	.03
Omaha	O			Sidney	T
Sioux City	T				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 16, 1968



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		February													
		12th		13th		14th		15th		16th		17th		18th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	22	-3	24	14	30	15	42	17	31	8	30	7	49	28
	Scottsbluff	33	10	27	21	32	12	45	20	39	15	32	19	53	28
	Sidney	33	6	23	15	25	14	44	16	40	15	35	17	55	31
NC	Burwell	20	2	24	2	27	16	39	12	30	5	28	8	44	--
	Valentine	14	-3	21	2	27	18	37	11	25	-4	24	4	46	24
NE	Norfolk	19	9	22	5	28	25	37	13	32	1	22	5	42	28
	Sioux City	22	11	24	7	32	16	35	15	32	3	20	-2	43	24
CEN	Grand Island	27	4	27	8	28	24	41	20	42	9	29	9	40	22
EC	Lincoln	23	12	26	10	29	26	41	26	43	8	26	10	37	30
	Omaha	23	10	24	6	30	26	40	17	40	2	23	9	41	28
SW	Imperial	32	4	25	20	33	17	43	19	43	13	33	21	56	26
	North Platte	22	-1	26	9	30	12	42	14	42	11	26	15	50	18

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